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SUBJECT: GEORGESCU AND VIANU ARRESTS

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1. NEWS OF GEORGESCU'S ARREST HAS APPARENTLY BEEN SLOW TO SPREAD. DESK OFFICER MENTIONED IT TO BOSTON UNIVERSITY HISTORY PROFESSOR AND AUTHOR RADU FLORESCU APRIL 1 AT RECEPTION GIVEN BY BARBU NICULESCU IN NEW YORK FOR ROMANIAN HISTORIANS. FLORESCU HAD HEARD NOTHING BUT WANTS TO BE KEPT INFORMED BECAUSE HE KNOWS GEORGESCU.

2. DESK OFFICER ALSO INFORMED PROFESSOR DEAK OF COLUMBIA APRIL 6. DEAK LIKEWISE HAD BEEN UNAWARE OF THIS DEVELOPMENT. DEAK, WHO WAS QUITE DISTRESSED AT NEWS, SAID THAT IN INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS BEFORE OPENING OF MARCH 31 SYMPOSIUM AT COMLUMBIA, HE HAD REFERRED TO GEORGESCU
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AS HIS CLOSEST FRIEND IN ROMANIA. HE IS MOST ANXIOUS TO HAVE LATEST NEWS BECAUSE HE BELIEVES MANY US HISTORIANS WHO KNOW AND RESPECT GEORGESCU WOULD WANT TO PROTEST HIS TREATMENT, IF SITUATION WARRANTS. SO FAR, WE HAVE BEEN RESTRAINED IN DESCRIBING INCIDENT, POINTING OUT THAT IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER FORMAL CHARGES WILL ACTUALLY BE PLACED AGAINST HIM WHICH COULD LEAD TO IMPRISONMENT, AND THAT

PRIVATE OR GOVERNMENTAL DEMARCHES ON HIS BEHALF BEYOND
WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE AT THIS STAGE MIGHT BE COUN-
TERPRODUCTIVE.

3. WE HAVE ALSO HEARD THROUGH SOURCES IN US INCLUDING
MATEI CALINESCU ABOUT POSSIBLE DETENTION OR ARREST OF
PSYCHIATRIST ION VIANU. IS EMBASSY AWARE OF VIANU'S
STATUS?
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